



A wedding reunion at the Seroe Colorado Church

The Lago Colony on the southeast tip of Aruba was home for John and Lou Anne Geis of North Carolina from 1955 to 1959, while John worked at the refinery. This past Thursday, it was a joy for them to witness the marriage of his lifelong friend, Bill Cummings, at the charming church located in the colony.

Bill married his long-time amour, Susan Merritt, in a simple but touching ceremony conducted by Reverend Thijs Oosterhuis of the Protestant Church at Seroe Colorado and in Oranjestad. Also attending the late afternoon wedding was Bill's very good friends from Texas, Donn and V'Ann Byrnes.

Though Bill and Susan live in Tyler, Texas, and distance keeps them apart, he and John maintain the friendship they have enjoyed since they were eight year old "boyhood chums." Since Bill had served as best man at John's wedding to Lou Anne in 1956, John felt he had to return the courtesy for Bill, and share this special moment in his life. It was obviously a very precious moment for Bill and Susan, as they both had to overcome tears of joy to say their vows.

Additionally attending the small and personal ceremony was Dufi Kock and his wife Maria. Dufi assisted them in arranging the wedding, as he is a long-time friend of "The Lagolites." The Lagolites are a community consisting mostly of graduates of the Lago High School during the sixty years that Lago maintained the refinery and colony. They return to Aruba every few years for a reunion, and have a website www.lago-colony.com, through which they keep in touch and sustain their ties to Aruba.

This proved invaluable to Bill and Susan, and after they said their "I do's," the entire party retired to the Flying Fishbone Restaurant for a delight sunset wedding dinner by the sea. The staff of THE NEWS offers a sincere "Pabien" to Bill and Susan and a wish for many years of happiness together.